Bifurcation of CAPART's West Zone

203. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed in principle to bifurcate west zone region of CAPART and establish a zone at Bhopal to look after the operations in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, by when, it is likely to be set up and details of funds earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of bridge over Mathrad River, Nandla, Shimla

204. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposal in the month of July, 2002 regarding construction of bridge for Nandla on the Mathrad River, District Shimla in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken so far although the same was forwarded for appropriate action to the State Government by the Prime Minister's office;

(c) whether Government propose to bring construction to Nandla bridge under 'Employment Assurance Scheme' during financial year 2002-2003; and

(d) if so, the amount sanctioned for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that a proposal to construct foot bridge for Nandla on the Mathrad river was received by Dy. Commissioner Shimla in the month of December, 2001. The work on the bridge was completed in the month of March, 2002 at the cost of Rs. 69681/-.